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Earthquake Shaking — Yellow Alert

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M 6.5, 43 km S of Intipuc, El Salvador

Origin Time: 2023-07-19 00:22:07 UTC (Tue 18:22:07 local)
Location: 12.8140° N 88.1265° W Depth: 69.7 km

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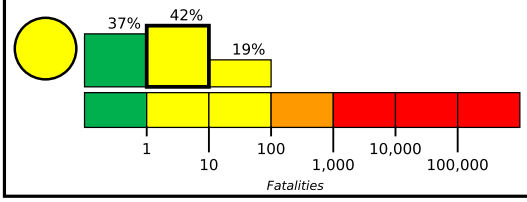
Created: 1 day, 0 hours after earthquake

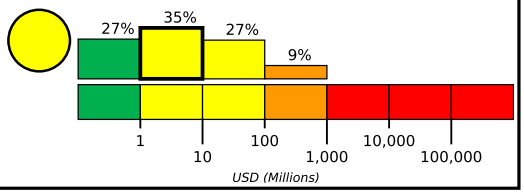
Estimated Fatalities



Yellow alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. Some casualties and damage are possible and the impact should be relatively localized. Past yellow alerts have required a local or regional level response.

Estimated economic losses are less than 1% of GDP of El Salvador.

Estimated Economic Losses

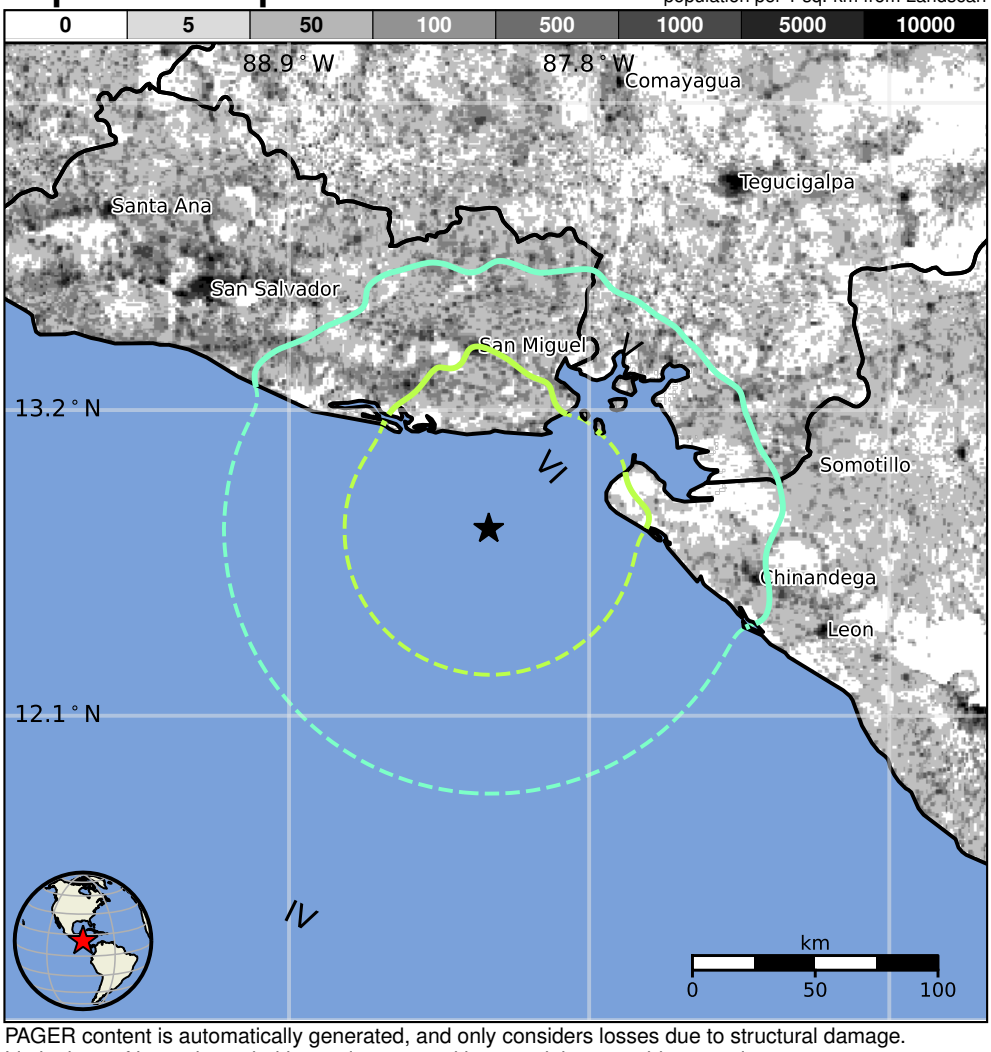


Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)		–*	3k*	11,006k	1,534k	446k	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	None	None	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure



Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are highly vulnerable to earthquake shaking, though some resistant structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are mud wall and adobe block construction.

Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1982-09-29	214	5.6	VII(6k)	3
1976-03-13	376	5.4	VII(43k)	4
1976-02-04	297	7.5	IX(80k)	23k

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides that might have contributed to losses.

Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
VI	Intipuca	4k
VI	Chirilagua	6k
VI	Jucuaran	2k
VI	El Transito	9k
VI	San Rafael Oriente	19k
VI	**San Miguel**	**162k**
V	**Chinandega**	**126k**
IV	**Leon**	**145k**
IV	**Tegucigalpa**	**851k**
IV	**San Salvador**	**526k**
IV	**Santa Ana**	**177k**

bold cities appear on map. (k=x1000)

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

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